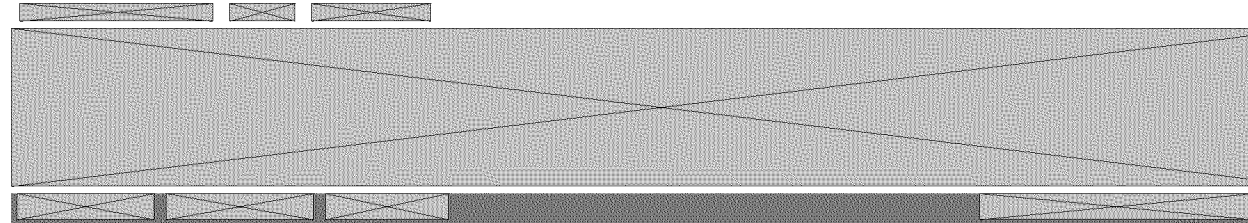


**To:** Flattery, Priscilla[Flattery.Priscilla@epa.gov]  
**From:** BNA Highlights  
**Sent:** Fri 3/21/2014 2:15:31 AM  
**Subject:** Mar. 21 -- BNA, Inc. Daily Environment Report

[Manage your email subscriptions](#)

Email not displaying correctly? [View publication in your browser.](#)



Friday, March 21, 2014 • Number 55

The Bloomberg BNA Daily Environment Report is brought to you by EPA Libraries. Please note, these materials may be copyrighted and should not be forwarded outside of the U.S. EPA. If you have any questions or no longer wish to receive these messages, please contact Shari Clayman at [clayman.shari@epa.gov](mailto:clayman.shari@epa.gov), 202-566-2370.

## NEWS

### Air Pollution

#### [Tenth Circuit Hears Arguments Over Benchmark Used for Regional Haze Plans](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency in approving implementation plans for three Western states and Albuquerque unlawfully approved an alternative program to the Clean Air Act requirement that stationary sources install best available...

### Biotechnology

#### [Farm Groups Push for Approval of Soybeans, Corn Engineered for Resistance to 2,4-D](#)

A coalition of nine agricultural groups called on the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to act expeditiously to approve crops developed by Dow AgroSciences LLC for resistance to multiple herbicides, including 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic...

### Brownfields

#### [Petition to Reopen All Appropriate Inquiries Rule Planned to Address Two Key Flaws](#)

Interested parties are planning to ask the Environmental Protection Agency to reopen its rule setting standards for conducting assessments of potentially contaminated properties to fix two "fundamental flaws," an environmental...

### Climate Change

#### [EPA Won't Object to Parts of Nucor Steel Permit Containing Greenhouse Gas Limits](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency is standing by Louisiana's decision to issue greenhouse gas emissions limits in the operating permit for an iron and steel mill, saying limited data were available when the permit was issued. ...

[View Recent Articles By:](#)  
[Agencies](#)  
[States](#)  
[Courts](#)  
[International](#)  
[Organizations](#)  
[Federal](#)  
[Statutes](#)  
[Cases](#)  
[Reports](#)

[Key Features](#)  
[Special Reports](#)  
[Regulations](#)  
[Agendas](#)  
[Congress](#)  
[Calendar](#)  
[Comments](#)  
[Deadlines](#)  
[PDF](#)  
[Archive](#)

## Climate Change

### Ethanol Groups Seek Supreme Court Review Of California's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard

Ethanol industry groups have asked the Supreme Court to determine if California's low-carbon fuel standard violates the dormant commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution (Rocky Mountain Farmers Union v. Corey, U.S., docket number unavailable,...

## Climate Change

### Exxon Mobil Agrees to Report on Plans For Low-Carbon Future, Carbon Risks

Exxon Mobil Corp. has agreed to publish a report describing its plans for a future in which market forces and stricter climate regulation may leave some of its carbon reserves unburnable. ...

## Climate Change

### Greater, More Cost-Effective Power Plant Emissions Reductions Possible, NRDC Says

Power plants could achieve greater carbon dioxide emissions reductions and at less cost than previously estimated, the Natural Resources Defense Council said in an updated report....

## Endangered Species

### Updated Report Issued on Initiatives for Sage Grouse

The Western Governors' Association published the third annual Sage Grouse Inventory March 19. The report highlights new conservation activities in 2013 to protect the greater sage grouse, a candidate for Endangered Species Act listing....

## Energy

### Consideration of State Approaches Urged For Complying With EPA Power Plant Rules

States have begun preparing a variety of potential approaches for complying with the Environmental Protection Agency's final regulations on carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants, and panelists at an energy event said...

## Energy

### EPA May Lower Cellulosic Fuel Requirement After Production Plant Idled, Analysts Say

Analysts said the Environmental Protection Agency may lower its 2014 requirement for cellulosic biofuel after one of the country's few commercial-scale cellulosic biofuel plant operators idled production at one of its facilities...

## Energy

### FERC Defends Order 1000 as Essential For Renewables, Alternative Technologies

During oral arguments March 20, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission defended its Order 1000 transmission planning rule to allow increased renewable energy generation on the electric grid and spread the costs ((S. C. Pub. Serv. Auth....

## Energy

### First Solar Pursuing More Rooftops As Market Slows for Larger Utility Projects

First Solar Inc., the largest U.S. solar-panel maker, is boosting its efforts to install systems at industrial sites and warehouses as utilities demand smaller solar farms....

## Energy

### Massachusetts Offers \$1.5 Million in Energy Grants

Massachusetts officials said they will offer \$1.5 million in grants to support programs to cut energy costs and reduce emissions at drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities. The program, which was announced March 14, will be a combined...

### Energy

#### Records Sought on New England State Energy Plans

The Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) said March 19 it has filed public record requests in the six New England states seeking records from state agencies related to recently announced plans by the governors to adopt a regional energy strategy....

### Energy

#### TransCanada Disputes Claims That Energy East Pipeline Would Export Mostly Crude

TransCanada Corp. is disputing a report from three environmental groups that nearly all of the 1.1 million barrels a day of Canadian crude oil to be carried by the company's proposed Energy East pipeline would be exported unrefined to markets...

### Enforcement

#### Texas Chemical Plant to Spend \$44.5 Million For Pollution Controls, Facility Upgrades

A Texas chemical plant has agreed to spend \$44.5 million to implement emissions reduction technology and other facility enhancements to reduce harmful air pollution, and will pay a \$350,000 fine for violating the federal Clean Air Act (United...

### Hazmat Transport

#### FMCSA to Consider Using Automated Data System to Review Hazmat Safety Permits

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will examine the possibility of using its Compliance, Safety, Accountability safety measurement system (SMS) to oversee its hazardous materials safety permit program, according to an agency...

### Mining

#### Alaska Superior Court Throws Out Local Ballot Initiative Aimed at Pebble Mine Permit

An Alaska Superior Court ruled that a ballot initiative that would have given a local borough veto power over large-scale mining permits for its area—including a planned open-pit copper and gold mine—conflicts with state law...

### Oil Spills

#### Bill Would Enhance Safeguards to Reduce Oil Spill Risks, Especially in Arctic Offshore

In recognition of the increasing possibility of oil exploration in Arctic waters, Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska) has introduced a bill to increase the Coast Guard's ability to prevent and respond to offshore oil spills....

### Pesticides

#### Groups Call for 'Decisive Action' by EPA on Bees

A coalition of environmental groups submitted a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy calling on the agency to take "decisive action" to protect bees and other pollinators from neonicotinoid insecticides. The letter, which...

### Toxic Substances

#### EU Scientific Panel Recommends Higher

### Toxicity Classification for Bisphenol A

The adoption by a scientific committee of an opinion on the toxicity of the widely used chemical bisphenol A (BPA) could ultimately lead to it being considered a "substance of very high concern" under the European Union's REACH...

### Toxic Substances

#### Global Chemicals Meeting Set for December

The secretariat for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) has announced that a key meeting will be held in Geneva from Dec. 15-17 to prepare for the 2015 International Conference on Chemicals Management. At...

### Water Pollution

#### Bill on Chemical Spill Cleanup Procedures

#### Clears Georgia Legislature, Goes to Governor

A bill to establish emergency response procedures in case of a hazardous chemical spill into a water supply has passed the Georgia Legislature and is headed to the desk of Gov. Nathan Deal (R)....

### Water Pollution

#### Chesapeake Bay Foundation Noncommittal

#### On Reopening EPA Stormwater Lawsuit

Chesapeake Bay Foundation officials expressed disappointment March 20 with the Environmental Protection Agency's decision not to propose a national stormwater rule, but they stopped short of saying the group would reopen the lawsuit...

### Water Pollution

#### Ohio River Commission Reviews Pollution Rules

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission is reviewing its pollution control standards for industrial and municipal wastewater discharges into the river and its tributaries. The commission said the standards include regulations...

## CALENDAR

### LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

### PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

## REGULATORY AGENDA

### Comment Deadlines

### MARCH 20 FEDERAL REGISTER

### MARCH 21 FEDERAL REGISTER

Daily Environment Report

[Manage/Customize Your Email](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)

Copyright © 2014 The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. Use of this service is subject to [terms and conditions](#) of the license agreement with

Bloomberg BNA. Unauthorized access or distribution is prohibited. "BNA" is a registered trademark of The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. All other trademarks are property of their respective owners. All rights reserved.

